

BOARD OF FINANCE
BUDGET HEARING

March 12, 2007

Present: Kathy McGannon, George Areson, Tom Tesoro, Marty Shapiro, Russell Friedson, Bill Crooks and alternate Joanna Bruner

The budget hearing meeting of the Board of Finance was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chairman Kathleen McGannon. All those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following is a brief summary of the session. The complete record is on tape in the office of the Finance Department.

W.P.C.A....Joseph Solomene...Mr. Solomene spoke regarding an outstanding invoice received from the City of Bridgeport in the amount of \$187,000. It relates to the pipe that went from the main pump station on White Plains Road through Beardsley Park ending at Home Depot. This was a project that started in 1974 and completed in 1992. The State billed the City of Bridgeport in 1994; Bridgeport then billed us in 2005. Mr. Solomene gave the invoice to Ms. Heim who in turn gave the invoice to Paul Kallmeyer. Mr. Kallmeyer said he would handle it as he knew all about it. To date the invoice still has not been paid. Mr. Friedson requested that Mr. Kallmeyer come in and explain the situation to us.

581888 Capital Outlay...the request for the 4 wheel drive pickup w/ plow can be put on the lease program.

578805 Extra Item...this can be reduced from \$35,000 to \$30,000 per Mr. Solomene.

Mr. Solomene reported that the fund balance is close to one million dollars.

Mr. Friedson suggested that next year the legal notice notes that the full budget can be found on the town's website www.trumbull-ct.gov

Employee benefits...Mr. Friedson asked if there was enough budgeted for the F.I.C.A. A .6% increase does not seem right. Maria will check.

Worker's Comp...we have had a catastrophic illness this year and have exceeded the \$500,000 stop gap. Therefore, the feeling is the cost for this budget would be less.

Unemployment...most of the unemployment comes from the BOE side. Ms. Heim requested that the BOE reimburse us. They are now doing so.

Town Hall...501101 FT Salaries...Insurance Coordinator (Budget Analyst) has been moved from the Town Hall account to the Finance Department account as that position reports directly to the Director of Finance.

Feral Cat Program...this is now handle by the Animal Control officer. It can be reduced by \$2,000 to zero as the program has over \$6,000 in the fund.

Contributions...CCM has been moved to membership account.

Public Reports...Annual Report has not officially been printed since it has been put on the website.

Balance in C&NR Fund is \$28,000.

Trumbull Day...Ms. Heim explained that we put an amount in the budget of \$9,300. The BOE would then bill us for cleanup. There have been times when we went over this amount creating a shortfall in the account. We then increased it to \$12,000. We then put the same amount in revenue because we expect Trumbull Day to pay us. We have never received any money from Trumbull Day so we have to register a shortfall.

Debt Service...Ms. Pires stated general fund is responsible for \$9,681,000. Mr. Crooks asked why did we reduce it \$600,000. Ms. Pires stated this was for the sale of the Tait Property which was previously bonded for; therefore we need to reduce the revenue.

Revenues...Ms. Heim reviewed the revenues with the Board explaining that these figures are changing every day. There is talk that the governor's projections may not prevail through the state budget process.

Special Detail...Mr. Friedson stated there is \$750,000 in the revenue related to \$650,000 in expense. He is going to urge that we keep special agency the way it has been and not make it a special agency account. This would be a mistake.

Motion made to adjourn by Friedson; seconded by Areson.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Bokine, Clerk